

### **PETITION TO BAN BGH**

A petition has been filed with the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, DC to ban the use of genetically engineered Bovine Growth Hormone on dairy cows. Please write to the FDA and urge that they act on **Docket #99P-4613** to prevent the use of unhealthy and inhumane BGH on dairies. You can e-mail [fdadockets@oc.fda.gov](mailto:fdadockets@oc.fda.gov) (put #99P-4613 in the subject line), or write to FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), 5630 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, or send a fax to 301-827-6870.

*please help make this better not worse, Thank You*

### **14 FARM SANCTUARY**

*people that care about the treatment of ALL animals*

A recent analysis of New York dairy farms conducted by Cornell University agricultural economists found that although Bovine Growth Hormone (BGH) increased the amount of milk produced by dairy cows, the hormone was not profitable because of increased costs of production. This evidence flies in the face of Monsanto, the agribusiness giant who has touted BGH as the key to profitable dairies. The use of BGH has long been associated with increased health problems in cows. *it's 20 yrs old now & eventually people... make sense?*

### **EXPORTING HORMONES**

The USDA has resumed testing beef for DES (diethylstilbestrol), an illegal hormone, because beef exported from the U.S. into Switzerland was tested and found to contain the substance. This presents a problem for the U.S. beef industry which is trying to increase beef exports, and as USDA Secretary Dan Glickman stated, "We can not afford to have anybody in this world, whether at home or overseas, lose confidence in the safety of U.S. food." In addition to causing cancer, DES has been linked to birth defects in humans. The use of DES was common in the U.S. beef industry until it was banned in 1979.

*All because humans are greedy,...*

### **BANNING U.S. MEAT**

The European Union (E.U.) has maintained a ban on imports of U.S. meat treated with growth promoting hormones for years, and it is now contemplating a complete ban on U.S. meat because of concerns that hormone treated meat cannot be separated from untreated meat in the U.S. After visiting America, inspectors for the E.U. determined that the U.S. did not have an adequate residue testing program in place, and they raised concerns about farmers' indiscriminate use of drugs and hormones. In addition, the E.U. inspectors said, "It became obvious that [USDA] had falsely certified the export of meat (beef, pig, and horse) to the E.U. since May 1999"



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